

Claims

1-4. (canceled)

5. (presently amended) A fibre channel analyser for analysing the operation of a fibre channel arbitrated loop (FC-AL) to which a plurality of devices are connectable, said analyser being adapted to be housed in an enclosure which, in use, houses at least one of said devices and comprising:

means for extracting data from the fibre channel,

means for processing extracted data; and

means for communicating processed data to an environmental control and monitoring unit through a secondary communication bus

[An analyzer as claimed in claim 1] wherein the analyser is arranged to be located on one of a number of branches from the FC-AL and not in the loop itself.

6. (presently amended) The An analyser of ~~as claimed in~~ claim 5 wherein the analyser is adapted to analyse activity occurring on the loop but does not itself contribute to loop delay.

7-9. (canceled)